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I think \$3,000 ought to cover the reclamation costs, assuming that all of the work could be done by hand.

Could you mention to him that he doesn't currently have approval, from the Forest Service, to actually do any additional work at the site. If he isn't planning to do anything in the near future, we would prefer to have him just clean up the site. Otherwise, if he does plan to continue working on that site, then he needs to talk to us about it, and get approval to do so. Unless he just wants to clean up, we need a formal proposal of what he wants to do, and then we need time to evaluate his proposal.

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I was not aware of the structure, and it looks like there's a little more disturbance than there was in 2003. I would say we need to increase it a little (\$3000?).

While he apparently doesn't have Forest Service approval to mine, he needs to have a bond as long as he has a disturbance. I've had this scenario a few times with the BLM, and we've included a statement in our approval letters that they need to gain approval of a plan of operations before they can begin mining.

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Is Scott Higley still working on that site? As far as I know, he doesn't have active approval from the Forest Service to do anything at the site. I don't think he maintains an active mining claim in the area, which also seems odd if he is planning to work on it or find something. My inspection of his site last summer showed an unauthorized metal structure, which would have to be dismantled and removed in pieces. Does your bond take this structure into account?

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We got a call from Scott Higley asking about his bond. As I see it, his site would be all hand work. We're figuring two guys, two days, \$50/hour each, plus transportation, \$2500 total. What do you think?